

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2021-363-E ORDER NO. 2021-155-H**

**DECEMBER 16, 2021**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Valli Finney v. Duke Energy Progress, LLC**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Request of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for an Updated Procedural Schedule**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

**This matter comes before the Chief Hearing Officer on the Request of Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or "the Company") for an updated procedural schedule in this Complaint matter. Correspondence from DEP counsel points out that the present procedural schedule requires the Company to file direct testimony prior to the deadline for filing its answer to the Complaint or other responsive pleading. Accordingly, DEP counsel requests that the Commission issue a revised scheduling notice setting a new procedural schedule in which the Company's testimony is not due prior to its answer or other responsive pleading.**

**While this Chief Hearing Officer does decline to set the new procedural schedule at this time, the present procedural schedule for prefilings testimony and exhibits and the hearing is hereby stayed until such time as DEP files its Answer or other responsive pleading in response to the Complaint in this Docket. After the Answer or other responsive pleading is filed, the Commission will issue a revised scheduling notice with a new procedural schedule for the prefilings of testimony and exhibits and for the hearing.**

**This completes the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.**